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1. Transmitted herewith are agent evaluation reports on
CAMUSO 1, 2 and 3.

2. Comments:

A. CAMUSO 1: To be able to assess this evaluation properly one must bear in mind the precise nature of the job the agent is expected to carry out. CAMUSO 1's principal task will be to serve as the link, the authenticator to whatever partisan units are encountered in Kurzeme. Once he has performed this task he will operate under the close supervision of CAMUSO 3. If he is unable to make contact, he will serve as an assistant to CAMUSO 3, a look out, generator operator, etc.

B. CAMUSO 2: Assessment of the agent in terms of his specific tasks is doubly important in the case of CAMUSO 2 who has neither demonstrated communications aptitude nor aggressiveness in physical training. However, because he is better than average in tradecraft, knows the DZ area very well, and will serve as a contact man for work into RIGA, his native city, we feel he occupies an important place on the team.

C. CAMUSO 3: Little remains to be said about CAMUSO 3 except for the fact that here is an individual who rose very rapidly to meet the demands of the situation in which he found himself. It should be remembered that initially CAMUSO 1 was considered as the leader while 3 was the subject of some concern because of his drinking. However, 3 proved that over the long pull he was head and shoulders above the others.

3. Conclusion: The AECOB team appears to be one of the better balanced teams on hand. Any one of the individuals on the team would be found lacking in one of a number of attributes if he were being considered as a singleton but together they make a rather effective group. The factors of leadership, area knowledge, technical ability and personal traits are well mixed.

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REDSOK/AECOB/Agent Evaluation report - CAMUSO 2.

1. Training

a. Commo efficiency:

Subject has been quite disappointing in Commo. He has had considerable difficulty in mastering Morse code because he simply does not have the ear for it. As of 29 February he was sending 10 WPM and receiving 8 WPM. Moreover, what little practice he has had in actual contacts has been poor. The Commo Section, CSOB/K feels that he definitely will not be ready by dispatch date. However, he shows good aptitude for cryptography and radio theory. Therefore, it is planned to equip him with an RS-6 pre-sealed in a burial container with a complete signal plan. He will cache this radio shortly after the operation begins. This radio will serve as a reserve for the group.

b. Para-training:

Para training began on March 10. The subject is progressing well, as is the whole group. He has made 4 jumps from the 34 foot tower without hesitation as of March 18. He appears to have the physical courage and the will to jump. The Airborne Section is satisfied with his progress. He will receive instruction in DZ selection and reception committee work beginning 24 March.

c. Sovietation:

Subject is in exactly the same position regarding Sovietation as CAMUSO 1 (see above).

d. Security awareness:

Subject has always seriously considered security and fully understands its importance. He has never been a problem security wise and the undersigned believes that under operational conditions he will have a healthy regard for security and will act accordingly.

e. Physical stamina:

Subject is the weakest of the group and has often had difficulty in keeping up with the physical training program. However, he has a will to work and has never complained or slacked off. He has appreciably developed physically and while he is still no strong man, his physical stamina is adequate.

f. Tradecraft:

As regards tradecraft subject is in much the same position as CAMUSO 1 (see above) except that he has a better potentiality to apply clandestine principles to an actual situation.

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2. Operational Aptitude for Mission

a. Ability to implement training to mission:

Subject has very good possibilities for clandestine work. His greatest defect is a severe, usually unjustified, self-criticism which results in lack of confidence in his own abilities. Therefore he lacks that boldness to take a calculated risk which is necessary to clandestine operations. However, it is felt that under the influence of a stronger man he could satisfactorily complete a given task. Since it is planned to have subject work closely with CAMUSO 3, it is felt that CAMUSO 3's leadership and direction will compensate for subject's lack of initiative. The undersigned does not wish to give the impression that the subject is incapable of action but only that he would probably tend to hesitate to initiate a bold action on his own authority. On the other hand it is felt that he would resolutely carry out an action on the authority of another. Subject has been exceptionally attentive to instruction and has assimilated the material well. He has a sound native intelligence and, excepting the above mentioned defect, he should implement his training to the mission quite well.

b. Ability to perform clandestine commo:

Subject is limited by the facts mentioned in paragraph 1a above. However, because he shows good aptitude for radio theory and cryptography he would probably be a good instructor and controller of a man who knew how to send and receive in the event that subject should happen to find one.

c. Ability to carry cover story:

Here again subject is in exactly the same position as CAMUSO 1, mentioned above. He could carry his cover very well, if he had a strong cover.

d. Ability to influence people:

Because of his lack of self-confidence, subject is not likely to influence people quickly, but his good nature, sincerity and native intelligence earn more respect for the man with each meeting.

3. Morale:

a. Motivation:

Subject's motivation is excellent. He also is a Latvian nationalist and is dissatisfied with his life as an emigre. He has no mercenary motives. He has no family in the emigration to provide for and considers his mission the most positive and useful thing that he can do. He has often stated that he would accept any mission that the case officers consider him best fitted for.

b. Attitude towards assignment:

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Subject's attitude towards his assignment is very good. As stated above he is willing and eager to do whatever the case officers consider most useful.

c. Moral resistance (under arrest, etc.):

It is quite difficult to asses the subject as to moral resistance in view of his lack of self-confidence. However, his resolute approach to difficult situations, ie. physical training and commo, his dedication to his mission, and his demonstrated mastery of fear (jumping from the tower) indicate that he would stand up well under moral duress.

4. Emotional stability:

Due to his lack of confidence, his poor shoring in commo, and his difficulty in keeping up with physical training, the subject has had a few short periods of mild depression. On such occasions he usually says something to the effect that "I am not a good soldier." However, on such occasions his comrades and the case officers are quick to encourage him and he pulls out quite quickly. He is conscious of the affection that his comrades and the case officers have for him and this is a big help. Subject does not enjoy drinking and only drinks enough to meet social obligations. He has a normal attitude toward women but seems to seek higher qualities in women. Except for his occasional mild periods of depression, he is a rather stable person.

5. Area knowledge

Subject spent his childhood and adolescence in Courland and is therefore very familiar with the area. He knows the area about 10 kilometers west of the DZ quite well since he spent three months there in a bunker during the German capitulation in 1945. He has spent his entire adult life up to 1944 in Riga and knows the city very well.

6. Case officer evaluation of agent ability to successfully complete mission

Any evaluation of the subject's ability to successfully complete his mission must, of course, consider the specific mission. It is planned to use the subject as a contact man in Riga. As noted above the subject's only serious defect is his lack of self-confidence. But it is felt that the strong influence of DAMUSO 3, whom the subject likes and respects, will counterbalance his deficiency. Subject's main strong points are good intelligence, good possibilities for clandestine work, a continual determination to do the best he can, good area knowledge, and excellent motivation. Subject's ability to successfully complete his mission must be considered good in spite of that big "if", his unfounded lack of self confidence.

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